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1. Communist troops and equipment in Wonsan on 14 February include:

Gaekto Section: One battalion of North Korean infantry; one T-34 tank, three self-propelled artillery pieces and one U.S.-made anti-aircraft gun.

Songdonwon Missionary Area (CU-648-313): One division of Chinese Communist troops and two battalions of North Korean infantry.

Wau-ri Section: Two companies of North Koreans who were digging trenches and air raid shelters.

Wonsan Weather Station (CU-660-338): Two Soviet anti-aircraft guns.

Yongdong Primary School (CU-664-340): One regiment of North Korean troops.

Wonsan Normal School (CU-655-342): One company of Chinese Communists; until approximately 7 February, one Chinese Communist division was billeted in the Normal School, but it since left for the south.

First main road junction south of Wonsan (CU-662-336): One company of North Korean troops and 1,000 civilian laborers who were building trenches and air raid shelters.

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2. Troops and equipment in the Wonsan area, outside the city were as follows:

Soksong (CU-997-128): Five 76-mm. artillery pieces; one North Korean artillery company and the North Korean 21 Infantry Company.

Huion (CU-705-310): 1,000 North Korean soldiers in civilian clothes who were billeted in civilian houses.

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Tongchon Area: (CU-956-219 and CU-938-210) (Togwon, 127-22, 39-10): Two companies of North Korean troops who were digging trenches and air raid shelters; three trucks were shuttling Chinese Communist troops from Wonsan to this area all day long.

Hagil (CU-943-230): A large (undetermined) number of North Korean and Chinese Communist troops with three or four self-propelled artillery pieces of undetermined caliber. This may be the beginning of the Communist main line of resistance. In this area there are elaborate defenses and trenches, with positions and guns well camouflaged.

Munpyong (CU-589-440) (127-22, 39-14): Two regiments of North Korean troops.

Kalma (CU-683-381) (127-28, 39-12): One battalion of North Korean troops.

Ambyon (127-32, 39-02): A large concentration of North Korean and Chinese Communist troops.

3. There were reports that the North Korean 5 Corps is being transferred from the eastern section to the central front. There was heavy trucking from Wonsan to Pyongyang and Hamhung.
4. All villages except the small coastal one are occupied by troops in civilian clothes. The North Korean police search all houses for hidden food. In Tongchon County, Commissar CHON Kyun-hong ordered more rice made available for the military. There was no large outbreak of typhus in the Wonsan area.
5. The Chinese Communists have no contact with North Korean civilians. North Korean government agencies provision the Chinese Communists and in Wonsan there is no indication that Chinese Communist troops are in Korea. There were many rumors that the Chinese Communists had left and none were seen in the Wonsan area, but one division (see above) was reported earlier.
6. The Chinese Communists and North Koreans expect a large UN amphibious landing at Wonsan. Most North Korean civilians are friendly to the UN and await the landing eagerly.

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